



Evidence of Meanness.

"Mean!" exclaimed the borrowing neighbor. "She's the meanest woman I ever knew. Why, in the week since she's moved in I have only borrowed a little salt, some flour, a few eggs, a bit of coffee, some ice, a tiny bit of baking powder, a broom, a loaf of bread, a hammer, a few tacks and a half peck of apples, and she had the nerve to-day to put upon her back door the sign: 'Groceries at Retail.' Wouldn't that shock you?"—Chicago Post.

Weary Willie Was Grateful.

"It is very kind of you, madam," said the tramp, "to give me such a fine dinner."

"Don't mention it, you poor man," said the kind-hearted woman.

"But I'll repay you," said the tramp, gratefully. "I'll tell all my pals that you are a flinty-hearted termagant that ain't never known how to cook nothin' decent, so's they'll give your house the go-by and won't never bother you."—Tit-Bits.

Able to Read It.

"Prophets," said the jocular young man, extending his palm, "can't read the future? I would fain know what it has in store for me."

"The page is somewhat soiled, but still legible," the fortune-teller replied, bending over it. "I am able to foresee, young sir, that you will never die from an excessive use of soap and water."—Chicago Tribune.

More Trouble.

In our pathway through life we meet problems immense; Lots of folks think they're smart, when they haven't got sense. —Chicago Record.

END OF THE ARGUMENT.



"If I were you, Tomston, I wouldn't be an ass!"

"That's so, Johnkins; if you were me you wouldn't!"—Ally Sloper.

'Twas Ever Thus.

He was a pompous person, Who longed to see his name Enrolled among celebrities, Upon the scroll of fame. Now his name is in every mouth, But it seems a cruel joke; A cigar bears his cognomen—His name goes up in smoke. —Chicago Daily News.

Those Loving Girls.

Bess—So you and Fred are really engaged?

Nell—Yes; and you ought to have seen the look on the dear fellow's face when I accepted him.

Bess—I'm sorry I didn't see it. What a contrast it must have been from the look of pain on his face when I refused him. —Chicago Daily News.

A Thoughtless Answer.

"Do you think of me as often as you did before we were married?" asked Mr. Meekton's wife.

"Much oftener," he answered, cheerily, but absent-mindedly. "You see, Henrietta, you weren't in a position to then remind me of yourself as much as you can at present."—Washington Star.

Should Not Be Downhearted.

"He says that I inspire him to poetical outbursts."

"You do?"

"That's what he says."

"Oh, well, I wouldn't reproach myself too much if I were you. By striving to do good in other ways you may atone for your evil influence in this line."—Chicago Post.

Won Out at Some Expense.

Mr. Hauskeep—My wife broke a fairy-lamp, two vases and a cut-glass flower-stand in the drawing-room last night, but she accomplished her purpose.

Mr. Ascum—For goodness's sake, what was her purpose?

Mr. Hauskeep—To capture a clothes moth she saw flying around. —Answers.

Children of an Older Growth. Bluffer—In the matter of reading, he tastes of the man and the boy are alike.

Brightly—Not at all. The boy gets a dime novel for a nickel and reads it in hiding; while the man buys a dime novel in a dollar and a half edition and talks about it in public. —Town Topics.

FASHION'S MIRROR.

Some of the Pretty Fancies in Late Costumes Reflected Therein.

A lovely gown recently seen is of soft green crepe, with vertical tucks at six-inch intervals in the skirt, which is edged with deep vandykes of cream lace, whose points turn upward to meet each tuck. The bodice is slightly bloused all around, with the vandyke lace applied yokewise, and has a loose front inserted of white crepe, with yellow roses and green leaves painted upon it. This is crossed by gold braid interlaced and fastened by tiny emerald ones. The belt is of gold galon with a gold and emerald clasp, says Boston Budget.

Grecian satin, a new wool material for evening wraps and tea gowns, has a tiny diagonal stripe on the surface. Pannet velvet spotted with gold is very attractive.

Egyptian designs are to be seen more and more in belt buckles, jewelry and for many purposes. They are Cleopatra heads, Egyptian symbols, and the asp is frequently to be seen. A handsome purse has for its silver trimming this asp, part of the body outlining the edge with the head and a coil in one corner.

Some new stocks are softened with a little line of white tulle around the neck.

Clever young women are utilizing black lace "scraps" by outlining the designs with gold thread and sewing gold spangles in the center of all the flowers. If edge lace, it is useful for bows and ends, when wired with the finest wire. If piece lace, it is just the thing for crowns of hats or theater bonnets.

Many pretty hats have the under side of their rims faced with fur. In a pretty hat of this kind the fur is chinchilla, and the hat itself layers of gray felt. It is trimmed with pink roses. Another pretty hat of the Aiglon shape is faced with mink. One of the new rose hats is formed out of masses of roses but of large petals of velvet. The hat has a broad rim and a low, round crown made of the pink petals, and the sole trimming is a low, spreading bow of black velvet in the front.

COOKING BY THE CLOCK.

Time and Temperature to Be Observed in Cooking Fish, Fowl and Game.

Fish may be baked continuously at 300 degrees for one hour. Underdone fish is unsightly, unpalatable and unwholesome, says Mrs. S. T. Rorer, in Ladies' Home Journal.

Game, such as woodcock, snipe and pheasants, requires continuously 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Partridges split down the back, 400 degrees for 30 minutes. Prairie chickens, 400 degrees for 45 minutes.

A haunch of venison requires 400 degrees at first; then cooled to 300 degrees; almost constant basting and roasting for two hours. Run in a skewer and if the blood follows the skewer out, and at the same time the meat is tender and rare, it is done.

An eight-pound turkey with stuffing should go into the oven at 400 degrees for half an hour; then cool the oven to 80 degrees and roast for two hours longer. Without stuffing it will require less time. The oven must be hot at first (400 degrees) for half an hour; then roast the unstuffed turkey for an hour and a half at 280 degrees, basting every 15 minutes.

A four-pound chicken, if stuffed, will bake at 400 degrees in half an hour; at 280 degrees it will require two hours. The same sized chicken unstuffed will require the first half hour in a hot oven; then the oven cooled to 280 degrees for an hour.

A tame duck stuffed with potato, placed in the oven at 360 degrees, will require an hour to brown. It should be basted every ten minutes. The oven may then be cooled to 230 degrees and the cooking continued for two hours.

HE HAD A NARROW ESCAPE.

How a Pullman Car Porter Got Off with Losing Only Part of His Money.

"We were traveling from El Paso to the coast," said the advance man of a theatrical combination, relates the New York Times. "and the porter had tucked us snugly in our berths when we were awakened to the consciousness that our train was 'held up.' The robbers marched us out of the car and made us deliver. Fortunately not one of us had more than a few dollars in cash. But the man who held up the car porter gave a yelp of delight:

"See what I've found! Put 'em back; start the train!"

"In the careless porter's vest pocket they had discovered a roll of bills as big as the pocket would hold. It looked as if there must have been several hundred dollars. We all knew of the profitable rapaciousness of the Pullman car porter, but never dreamed that his accumulations were so large. Yet the friendly human spark of forgiveness and sympathy was in our hearts for the poor fellow losing so much at one fell swoop. We were gathered in the smoking compartment and had a consolation purse under advisement for the darky, when he came along himself.

"Mah Lawd! Dat was de luckiest 'perience I done ever had," he said, chuckling all over. "Luck!" We were astonished. A poor servant robbed of hundreds of dollars with glee. "Deed, yes, gemmen. Dey never looked but jis in only one of mah pockets."

Cauliflower Sauce for Cold Fish. Boil a small cauliflower until tender, then shred it and add it to a white sauce with a little white pepper and some lemon juice. —Washington Star.

HOUSE FURNISHINGS.

To Make Rooms Comfortable and Original Dispense with Conventionality.

In furnishing an apartment people as a rule make the mistake of buying too heavy and dark furniture, chiefly because the conventional "suits" of oak or black walnut for the dining-room, and the regulation upholstered satin sets for the parlor are shown to them by the shopkeepers as the correct things to buy. Their rooms, in consequence, have the eminently respectable appearance of a city boarding-house. If you want your little home to look original and distinctive, put conventionality out of your head. Do not think it necessary to have heavy reps or damask curtains, with lace inside curtains, because Mrs. Jones has her windows hung in similar fashion. Try embroidered muslin and chintz; choose a pretty, light pattern for the latter, and upholster a couple of low rattan armchairs and a sofa with the same material. The other chairs should be different. Specimens of a mahogany "fiddle-back," an embossed leather, a Dutch marquetry, are all desirable and give a refined look to the room, says the New York Tribune.

In your dining-room buy your furniture unpolished. This can be done by a special arrangement at the same price that the shiny varnished oak, cherry or black walnut sets cost in the shops, and it is astonishing how such a slight difference will give an appearance of good taste to your room. Do not have carpets. If possible, put wood carpeting on your floors. If you cannot afford it, stain, varnish and wax your floors. Begin by buying a few rugs, and add to your stock by degrees. In your double bedroom put two single enameled iron beds, side by side, instead of one wide one. A sofa on hinges placed across their foot, piled up with cushions, is a great convenience, and is both ornamental and comfortable. A broad pinewood table made into a duchesse dressing table is both cheap and pretty, and with a good glass and a separate chest of drawers is in better taste than a bureau.

Make your servant's room attractive. It will pay you in the end. Put in a comfortable rocking-chair, a writing table and all that you would require yourself to make you contented. And in your kitchen do not forget the easy chair that will give your cook the sometimes much needed five minutes' rest.

NOT HIS CUSTOMARY STYLE.

The Depositor Had Obeyed Instructions and Signed with His Left Hand.

"Bank clerks are so often called upon for directions that they sometimes fall into the habit of giving them in a hurried and mechanical manner, consequently they are frequently misunderstood," remarked the clerk of an institution in New York, says the Washington Star. "For instance, the usual formula when a stranger is called upon to sign his name is: 'Sign here—pen and ink at your left hand.' One morning last week a stranger entered our bank and asked me for a certificate of deposit for a considerable sum of money which he handed over. I counted the money and found the amount to be as stated and hurriedly said: 'Sign there, sir—pen and ink at your left hand.'

"Well, it took the stranger a long time to sign his name, but I thought nothing more of it and issued the certificate of deposit. About a week later the same man, whose face I had forgotten, reappeared and presented the certificate. He dashed off an ornate signature, which I proceeded to compare with the first signature. The two were vastly different, as the first one was apparently the labored effort of an old man.

"I can't pay you this money, sir," I said.

"Why not?" asked the astonished stranger.

"Because it is not the signature of the man to whom I issued the certificate of deposit," I replied.

"Well," said the stranger, "when I was here a week ago you told me to write my name with my left hand, and I did so, but I can't write very well that way."

"Then will you oblige me by writing your name with your left hand again?" I asked, as a light dawned upon me.

"Certainly," said the man, and after much labor he produced a facsimile of his first signature, and I apologized and paid him his money."

Peach Mousse.

Select very fine ripe peaches. Pare and slice enough to make a pint of pulp when rubbed through a coarse sieve. Add one teaspoonful of sugar and one teaspoonful of vanilla flavoring. Mix well together and add one quart of good cream, which has been whipped and drained until there is not a drop of liquid cream left in it. Pack the mousse in a plain mold (which has been dipped in ice water), heaping it in closely and lightly. Cover the mold when filled and bind a strip of buttered muslin tightly around its edges to keep out the salt water. Bury the mold completely in a mixture of salt and ice and let it remain four hours. —Home Magazine.

Apple Custard Pie.

One quart of strained, tart apple sauce, one-half cupful of butter, four eggs, one cupful of sugar and a dash of cayenne; line a deep pie plate with good crust; beat the eggs, mix with the sauce, melt and stir in the butter, then add the cayenne and sugar; fill the pie plate and bake in a moderate oven. If you wish, you may reserve the whites of two of the eggs for a meringue. —People's Home Journal.

SCHOOL AND CHURCH.

Rev. Dr. Parker, the famous Congregational preacher of City Temple, London, who is 70 years old, expects to retire next year.

The students of the Yale divinity school have decided by vote to undertake mission labor in return for benefits received from scholarship funds.

A great institutional church, modeled after the famous Metropolitan tabernacle of New York, is planned by the Methodists of Chicago, as a result of recent consolidations.

The University of Bonn prides itself on having been the alma mater of the Hohenzollerns and other German reigning houses. Some of the English princes have also studied there.

It is said of Rev. Charles H. Spurgeon that often on Saturday evening he had not even selected his texts for the sermons of the following Sunday. But so richly was his mind stored that a few catchwords on a bit of paper were sufficient for his use in the pulpit.

The Interior (Presbyterian) says: "The theological seminaries of the various churches report a large increase of students over the previous or any other former year, and yet the Methodist bishops are complaining for the first time that they have not enough churches to afford employment to all their preachers. This increase of candidates in the face of a pause or retrogression in the churches is somewhat remarkable."

Among 500 boys in Vienna public schools, 70 were found to be named Karl, 46 Franz Joseph, 44 John, 26 Rudolph, 24 Leopold, 19 Otto, 16 Friedrich, 13 Ferdinand, 12 each Alfred, Anton, Ludwig, Gustav, Henry, Robert, Wilhelm. Among 550 girls, 91 were named Marie, 52 Anna, 23 Leopoldine, 21 Hermine, 19 each Katharina and Rosa, 18 Helen, 17 Therese, 16 Josephine, 15 Johanna, 14 Margaret, 13 Caroline, 12 Emma, etc.

Germany is beginning to take an active interest in laboring men according to trades. The little principality of Lippe is the center for reaching brickmakers. Here some years ago Pastor Zeiss, of Schwabenberg, started a Brickmakers' union on Christian principles, and was cordially supported by the government. He also organized a committee for the religious care of brickmakers, which, supported by the churches, sends out pastors, to go during the summer from place to place preaching to these workmen. These preachers go as far as Poland and Russia caring for their people.

KEPT THEIR FAITH.

Two Brave Men Who Perished Doing Their Duty — Unknown Heroes.

The Montana Herald tells the story of a poor sheep-herder who, during the blizzard last winter, had charge of a large flock of sheep belonging to an eastern syndicate.

During the whole night he faced the fury of the storm, striving vainly to bring the sheep into the fold. Toward morning he came back to his tent and wrote a note to his employers, stating that he was almost exhausted, but would make one more effort to save the flock, as it was his duty to do.

The next day he was found half-buried in the snow, dead. One of his dogs lay beside him, guarding the body; the other had perished with the sheep.

A cattle-raiser on the Gulf of Mexico tells a similar story of an Acadian herder whom he employed.

"Jos" was on guard one night when the herd, consisting of several thousand of cattle, took fright at some unusual sound, and stampeded toward a bayou opening into the gulf. It was low tide and the bayou was narrow, but Joe knew that if the herd once entered it they would trample each other to death. He was a large, powerfully built man. Running before them, he flung himself into the ditch and faced them, discharging his pistol in their faces.

The water reached his knees; the terrified beasts, urged by the furious herd behind, pressed on him. Again and again he fell, and struggled up to renew the desperate fight. At any moment he might have reached the shore and saved himself. After two hours help came. The herd was driven back, but Joe was carried home to die.

Scarcely a week passes which does not offer its record of some faithful servant—an engineer, a ship's captain or even a common sailor—who gives his life to fulfill the duty which he has been paid to perform; to keep his word in the face of death.

In our applause for the soldier who dies for his country or his home, let us not overlook these other heroes who are as faithful and brave as he.

A Woman's Club in Hawaii.

Mention may be made of the Hawaiian Woman's club, successfully launched in Honolulu five years ago. It was started by an American school-teacher who was wont to invite young girls to her home once a week for informal conversation on some topic. The outgrowth was a full-fledged club of 34 members, most of them being Hawaiians, with a mixture, however, of Chinese and Portuguese. The president this year is a Chinese girl, who wears her quaint national costume when she fills the official chair. —Bertha Damaris Knobe, in Woman's Home Companion.

Near Enough.

Tommy—Pa, what does "disagree" mean?

Pa—Well, when two people think alike they are said to agree. Now, you can guess what "disagree" means.

"Oh, yes, that's when only one people thinks alike." —Philadelphia Press.

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